3/12/69

Dear John,

I've got the flue or something so I'll be brief.

I'm making a speech in Brewster 3/28 so I'll come up to NY the day before, perhaps the day before that, and try and get the legal things squared away. Possibly there are other things I'al be able to do. If I felt better I'd suggest some talk shows. But by then I'll be okay.

The National Enquirer has a copy of the limited edition of COUP. They promised to return it early next week. I'll ask them to see if you want it. That is the limited edition, with the excerpts in place and up to date. I turned on a guy with duplicating facilities on a Washington talk show and I'll soon have a few more copies. That is easier to read than the ms. Fellow there is Bill Dick. Probably LOOK will stick with Huie, who may have had some card up his sleve. This new deal is a package Foreman put together and I'll write an epilogue on Ray and Sirhan so stating. This is so uncharacteristic of Foreman. I've been suspicious since he entered the case, though at first I considered it only for respectability. It has been seen to that there is no judicial proceeding with any possibility of consideration of conspiracy. Unless Ray is kept to himself, he's good as dead. I think he'll soon tumble to what happened to him. I suspect Foreman convinced him he'd be killed by an inmate unless he dealt.

Having been ill and not up to good work, I've been reading. I got a clue to what to expect from Huie's "3 Lives for Miss." Eastland! He'll be off and running, looking for "reds", the line the people of his neanderthal persuasion have pushed from the very beginning.

Matter of fact, Couple days ago I got a report the FBI is interested in me in N.O., on the ground people like me are respomsible for Garrison and I'm "an associate of Communists". Do they mean you?

I didn't phone you right away, as soon as this Ray thing broke, because I havecome to know the publishers too well. On this subject their prime motivation is not immexiate profit. But if there are the hints I expect from Ray, that he has come to understand what has happened to him, it may change. Perhaps.

Best regards,

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